

## **WCBS-TV Quarterly Issues/Program Report – April 10, 2017**

Attached are the listings of broadcast segments and stories that reflect Channel 2's significant programming treatment of ascertained community issues during the preceding three-month period.

Time period of day, day of week, source and format descriptions follow the first appearance of the broadcast name. Date references refer to broadcast days. All times given are approximate.

### **Programs**

CBS 2 News This Morning, CBS 2 News at Noon, CBS 2 News at 5:00, CBS 2 News at 6:00, CBS 2 News at 11:00, CBS 2 News Saturday, CBS 2 News Sunday - Regularly scheduled news broadcasts focusing on current issues and events.

60 Minutes - Regularly scheduled one-hour weekly broadcast featuring in-depth interviews and reports of various lengths and topics. Sunday, 7 - 8 p.m.

Face the Nation - Regularly scheduled half hour news broadcast featuring reports and interviews with government leaders, politicians, and international figures in the news. Sunday, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

48 Hours – Regularly scheduled news broadcast. Saturday, 10 - 11 p.m.

“Health Watch” – features of varying lengths focusing on health related issues, the latest in medical research and treatments, and other health related topics.

“Money Watch” – features of varying lengths focusing on the latest in the economy along with tips and ways to save money.

Public Service Announcements- WCBS-TV continues its tradition of airing and sponsoring PSAs. PSAs in rotation stem from various organizations such as, Project Roadblock – Drunk Driving Campaign, CASA Family Day, Partnership for Drug Free Kids, Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation, A Safer City, The Make-A-Wish-Foundation of Metro New York, Food Bank NYC, New York City Department of Transportation Vision Zero, New Alternatives for Children, City Harvest, Texting and Driving, Project Roadblock (drunk driving prevention), Ad Council, and United Way.

**Health:** Topics in this category include: Legionella was detected in a gym in Long Island and two members tested positive for Legionnaire's disease; A person in the Bronx was infected by Leptospirosis; a bacterial infection which is contracted through contact of rat urine and the flu is widely spread throughout the state of New York and everyone over the age of six months is strongly encouraged to get vaccinated for prevention against the virus.

**CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING:** 2/7 Anchor Mary Calvi reports on the potentially new dangerous vaping method called dripping. Electronic cigarettes produce inhalable vapor by gradually drawing liquid into a heating coil through an automatic wick. A study conducted by Yale University has found that one quarter of teenage E-Cigarette users are dripping the liquid directly onto the coil to produce thicker, more flavorful smoke. Researchers concluded this process may expose users to higher levels of nicotine and cancer causing toxins. 2/8 Anchor Mary Calvi reports 15 flu-related pediatric deaths have occurred nationwide according to Federal health officials this current flu season. 2/15 Anchor Mary Calvi reports on the death of a person in the Bronx that was caused by a bacterial infection Leptospirosis; which is contracted through contact of rat urine. New York Health officials ordered the residents of 750 Grand Concourse to evacuate the building. 3/21 Anchor Chris Wragge reports that at least 30 patients were contracting bacterial infections to their knees at a Monmouth County pain management clinic. The New Jersey Department of Health reported during an inspection at the clinic conducted earlier this year found infection control issues. The clinic voluntarily closed its doors. **CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON:** 1/12 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on Legionella detected at a gym in Long Island. Two gym members tested positive for Legionnaire's disease. Nassau County's Health Department ordered the pool and spa areas to close in the gym after authorities confirmed two samples came back positive for Legionella bacteria. The gym sent a letter to members urging them to get tested. 2/16 Anchor Mary Calvi reports on how a Long Island mall is making health care more convenient. Pure Mammogram has installed a machine for mammograms to be offered at Smith Haven Mall in Lake Grove. Insurance is accepted and it is a cost of forty five dollars for those without insurance. The American Cancer Society recommends women ages 45 to 54 undergo annual mammography screenings. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 1/13 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports that the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases has published new guidelines on when to introduce foods containing peanuts to children to prevent allergies. It is now suggested that high risk infants with severe Eczema, or egg allergy should be introduced to peanuts when they're four to six month olds which is much younger than the recommended age. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM:** 1/11 Anchor Dana Tyler reports that hundreds of families in New Jersey are concerned about vaccinations after more than 900 children received bad vaccines. A state investigation alleges a doctor in Manahawkin mishandled several vaccines before giving them to children. The vaccines prevent disease such as the Measles, Mumps, Chickenpox and some others. The children received the vaccinations through the "Vaccines for Children Program," federally funded and run by the state.

2/3 Anchor Dana Tyler reports on National Wear Red Day which is observed to bring national attention to the fact that heart disease is the number one killing disease among women and to raise awareness for heart health. 2/8 Anchor Dana Tyler reports on the flu widely spread throughout the state of New York. It is not an epidemic but strongly encouraged by the state health department, doctors and health officials for every one over the age of six months of age to be vaccinated. Nassau County's pediatric emergency room is open 24 hours a day to deal with the influx of Long Island children suffering from symptoms of the flu. The New York health department reported four deaths due to the flu in January of this year. **CBS 2 NEWS SUNDAY:** 2/5 Anchor Andrea Grymes reports on an unconfirmed report of MRSA; at Southampton High School in Long Island. The school notified parents that the campus is undergoing a deep cleaning. MRSA is a dangerous and painful infection that can sometimes be resistant to antibiotics.

**Government and Politics:** Topics in this category include: Mayor de Blasio appointed a new head of Administration for Children's Services; Governor Christie signed new legislation aimed at curbing the state of NJ's Opioid addiction epidemic and Assembly member, Linda Rosenthal is fighting to have Feminine hygiene products offered for free in NY public schools, prisons and homeless shelters.

**CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING:** 2/17 Anchor Chris Wragge reports roundtable discussion are taking place in Nassau County regarding water quality. Those included on the panel include New York Health and Environmental Commissioner and Long Island officials from Farmingdale State College. Yesterday, the State Senate Democrats presented a seven-point plan to protect the drinking water throughout the state of New York. 2/21 Anchor Mary Calvi reports that Mayor de Blasio has appointed a new head of Administration for Children's Services, David Hansell. This announcement followed the resignation of Gladys Carrion after several high profile cases that resulted in the deaths of children. David Hansell previously served as a lawyer who supervised child welfare programs at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 3/23 Anchor Mary Calvi reports on a push made by Assembly member Linda Rosenthal for feminine hygiene products to be offered for free in public schools, prisons and homeless shelters. In 2016, Rosenthal led a successful fight to remove the state sales tax on feminine hygiene products. **CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON:** 2/16 Anchor Chris Wragge reports that Governor Christie signed legislation aimed at curbing the state of New Jersey's Opioid addiction epidemic. Christie signed the bill shortly after the Democratic-led Assembly approved the legislation. The measure

curbs initial opioid prescriptions to a five-day supply. This bill also mandates state-regulated health insurers to cover inpatient and outpatient treatment for drug addiction.

3/23 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports the state of NJ is trying to enforce a bill to require all schools to have Narcan on hand to help fight the heroin epidemic. It comes in the form of nasal spray called Naloxone which can block the effects of drugs like heroin and OxyContin. Some local school districts already have the spray and support making it mandatory. School officials such as nurses and athletic directors would be in charge of administering Naloxine in case overdoses occur during the day or at an after school event a school official is available to administer the drug. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM:** 2/13 Anchor Dana Tyler reports President Trump has issued a recent crackdown on illegal criminals. New York City police have arrested nearly 40 people and 95 percent of them have criminal records. New Jersey Governor Christie is in support of the president's plan. President Trump claimed police made great progress on cracking down on illegal criminals which is fulfilling the president's campaign promise. 1/31 Anchor Dana Tyler reports on Mayor de Blasio's budget meeting in Albany which resulted in a fiery showdown between lawmakers. De Blasio was criticized on his three year extension of control over NYC schools and the five cent fee on plastic bags. Mayor de Blasio assured the plastic bag fee will decrease litter. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 11:00 PM:** 3/28 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports there will be financial consequences for so called sanctuary cities including New York that refuse to help Federal authorities find and deport illegal immigrants with criminal records containing misdemeanors. Mayor de Blasio stated the City would head to court to fight the administration's move since he fears it will destroy relations between immigrant communities and the NYPD. **CBS 2 NEWS SATURDAY:** 2/4 Anchor Cindy Hsu reports that Bronx Assembly member, Michael Benedetto is trying to force leagues to ban tackling in youth football for anyone under the age of 13. The participation in tackling leagues has decreased by 20 percent since 2009 and nearly every state contains a law aimed at protecting children from concussions. While this ban is supported by some others are referring to it as an overreach by the government. **CBS 2 NEWS SUNDAY:** 1/10 Anchor Andrea Grymes reports on a rally which took place by New Yorkers in the West Village to protest House Speaker Paul Ryan's plan to defund Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood is used by 2.5 million Americans for birth control every year. 2/12 Anchor Jessica Moore reports that Senator Chuck Schumer is defending Medicare and fighting for the millions of senior citizens who may be affected if the new voucher based system goes into effect which is being proposed by the new Health and Human Services Secretary, Tom Price. Senator Schumer plans to fight any new plan the secretary proposes claiming it would be devastating to many seniors who have spent years paying into the essential Medicare program. 2/12 Anchor Jessica Moore reports that pipeline programs offered across the country to help break barriers often faced by minority students trying to be accepted into medical school are helping to make dreams come true.

**Consumer:** Topics in this category include: NJ statewide hacking of Quest Diagnostics databases containing thousands of personal information of patients; Governor Cuomo warned citizens of tax scamming throughout the state and Trader Joe's has recalled a product and removed it off their shelves after 12 cases of E-Coli were reported in several states including NJ.

**CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING:** 2/8 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on a scam taking place in Long Island on local residents who are receiving letters in the mail that claim a company is holding either cash or valuable merchandise for them. The letter requests the recipient to send twenty dollars as a delivery charge. Nassau County executive Ed Mangano confirmed these letters were part of a scam run through a company named Valuable Assets Division, he urges any resident who receives the letter to disregard. **CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON:** 2/20 Anchor Mary Calvi reports on a warning issued by Governor Cuomo regarding tax scamming in New York. Con artists are targeting payroll and human resource workers where 37 companies have been victimized and more than 5,000 social security numbers have been obtained. Another scam involves criminals posing as software technicians that contact tax preparers about non-existent problems with their computer systems. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 2/12 Anchor Maurice reports on a computer hack of a New Jersey Quest Diagnostics system which contained thousands of personal information including names, birthdays and lab results. The New Jersey Quest Diagnostics claimed a third party company gained access to their servers on November 26. The breach is under investigation of which 34,000 people were affected. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM:** 1/11 Anchor Dana Tyler reports on a chicken tender recall in the tri-state area. Meal mart battered and breaded chicken breast tenders are being recalled due to possible plastic contamination. The company has requested for all consumers to dispose of the 10-pound box tenders with item code 03-CTB and production code 0246. 3/3 Anchor Dana Tyler reports that the NYPD are warning shoppers to check the ATM machines located in Duane Reade stores before using them after skimming devices were found at three separate Manhattan locations. The skimming machines were detected in Flatiron District, Midtown and the East Village sections of the city. **CBS 2 NEWS SATURDAY:** 3/4 Anchor Jessica Moore reports on a peanut butter substitute recall after 12 cases of E-Coli have been linked to the product in several states including New Jersey. The I.M. Healthy Soynut Butter Company announced it has voluntarily recalled its product to prevent people from getting sick. Health officials are now warning the public not to eat the company's Soynut Butter or granola coated in it. **CBS 2 NEWS SUNDAY:** 2/26 Anchor Jessica Moore reports on a recall of First Crush Unsweetened Organic Unsweetened Gravenstein Apple Sauce which is sold at Trader Joe's because the product may contain pieces of glass in the producer. Trader Joe's has announced they have removed all of the potentially affected products from the store's shelves as well as destroyed them.

**Crime:** Topics in this category include: a suspect was charged in the murder of a 13-year old girl from Mount Vernon; An elderly woman was robbed and attacked in an elevator in the Bronx; Swastikas were carved into the doors of an all-inclusive congregation along Central Park West and an innocent mother, picking up dinner for her children was shot and killed crossing the street in the Bronx.

**CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING:** 2/22 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on the update of a case where a stranger knocked out a 69-year old woman outside a deli in Queens last October. The woman died four days ago and the case is now classified as a homicide. The suspect is 29 years of age and is charged and ordered to undergo a mental health exam. Police found surveillance video of the suspect leaving the Jamaica Deli and punching the woman in the face without warning. The victim had hit the ground and suffered a head injury. **CBS 2 NEWS AT NOON:** 1/11 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on an innocent mother fatally shot in the Bronx while picking up dinner for her children. Police believe the suspect shown on surveillance video intended to shoot someone else and hit the mother who was killed. 1/25 Anchor Mary Calvi reports on a double-murder in Staten Island. The suspect is described by police as a masked man who stormed into a small business loan company in Dongan Hills. The suspect went into the back office where he shot and killed the owner and an employee who tried to intervene. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 1/17 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports police and Federal agents have tracked down a suspected killer they have been searching for since New Year's Eve to North Carolina and back again to New York. The male suspect is charged with the murder of a 13-year old girl from Mount Vernon. 3/1 Anchor Kristine Johnson reports on a church which is the target of another hate crime. Swastikas were carved into the doors at an all-inclusive congregation along Central Park West. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM:** 1/24 Anchor Dana Tyler reports on a brutal attack on a Manhattan tailor. A 78-year old victim is the owner of Apel's Alteration. He was slashed several times in the chest as he fought off a robber inside his Kip's Bay shop. The victim eventually gave the suspect 80 dollars. The victim is in stable condition at Bellevue Hospital and being treated for a fractured skull, punctured lung and cuts to his face. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 11:00 PM:** 3/7 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports an elderly woman, 81 years of age was attacked in an elevator in the Bronx section of the city. The victim was threatened by the suspect with an object and robbed of 200 dollars she recently withdrew from an ATM on a Friday afternoon. The suspect is a 50-year old male who was charged for the crime. **CBS 2 NEWS SATURDAY:** 1/11 Anchor Jessica Moore reports on an escaped prisoner who was put in custody for attempted robbery from Macy's in Herald Square. The suspect was taken to Lenox Hill Healthplex to be treated for previous stab wounds. The male suspect escaped from the health center and was found at Penn Station by police where he was then put back into custody.

**Education:** Topics in this category include: A forced vocabulary homework assignment that forced political views that do not reflect well on President Trump causing the Department of Education to issue a formal letter to the instructor acknowledging poor judgement; Transcript discrepancies at a high school in Englewood, NJ and Ivy League school accidentally sent out acceptance letters to 277 of the wrong students via email.

**CBS 2 NEWS THIS MORNING:** 2/21 Anchor Chris Wragge reports on transcript discrepancies in Englewood, New Jersey School District where an independent audit found 3,000 graduation credit and grade changes last year. Many of the students fear their college applications are in jeopardy. The district has added as many as 14 counselors to ensure high school students graduate. Ten district employees were suspended for sixty days. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 5:00 PM:** 2/16 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports on a homework assignment assigned by a teacher in Staten Island to her classroom focused on a vocabulary lesson. The assignment included two word options that were forced to be used to complete a sentence that did not reflect well on President Trump. A parent reached out to the Department of Education and after looking into the matter the teacher was served a formal letter which acknowledged the use of poor judgement. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 6:00 PM:** 2/15 Anchor Dana Tyler reports Bayonne High School cafeteria was evacuated today after a student sprayed pepper spray. The principal of the high school claimed a girl sprayed pepper spray into a cup causing the building to open several windows throughout the building to air out the spray. The principal stated the student will be disciplined for her actions. **CBS 2 NEWS AT 11:00 PM:** 2/17 Anchor Maurice DuBois reports that Columbia University accidentally sent out via email 277 acceptance letters to the wrong applicants for the school of public health's master's program. Columbia University noticed the mistake immediately and university officials emailed out an apology within an hour of the mistaken acceptance to all of the applicants.